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c. 1920

New Union Asbury M. E. Church Parsonage
Freemantown
Private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: NEW UNION ASBURY M. E. CHURCH PARSONAGE

MHT Inventory Number: S-472

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
RELIGION
- 2) Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
Parsonage

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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Magi No.
DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic NEW UNION ASBURY M. E. CHURCH PARSONAGE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number North side of Main Street Extended not for publication

city, town Crisfield x vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>x</u> district	<u>x</u> public	<u>occupied</u>	<u>agriculture</u> <u>museum</u>
<u>building(s)</u>	<u>private</u>	<u>x</u> unoccupied	<u>commercial</u> <u>park</u>
<u>structure</u>	<u>both</u>	<u>work in progress</u>	<u>educational</u> <u>private residence</u>
<u>site</u>	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u>entertainment</u> <u>religious</u>
<u>object</u>	<u>in process</u>	<u>x</u> yes: restricted	<u>government</u> <u>scientific</u>
	<u>being considered</u>	<u>yes: unrestricted</u>	<u>industrial</u> <u>transportation</u>
	<u>x</u> not applicable	<u>no</u>	<u>military</u> <u>x</u> other: none

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of New Union Asbury M. E. Church

street & number 3480 Freedomtown Road telephone no.:

city, town Crisfield state and zip code Maryland 21817

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The New Union Asbury M. E. Church parsonage stands on the north side of Main Street Extended in the community of Freemantown, east of the City of Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story frame house faces south.

Estimated to date around 1920, this two-and-a-half story Queen Anne style dwelling is built around a squarish two-story, two-bay double-pile main block topped by a steeply pitched pyramidal roof covered with asphalt shingles. The main block, as well as a rear two-story service wing, are supported on a raised concrete block foundation. The exterior of the house is clad with a uniform layer of plain weatherboards.

The south (main) facade is an asymmetrical elevation with a Tuscan columned porch sheltering the first floor and wrapping around the east corner of the house. A turned baluster handrail stretches between the columns. The entrance is located in the western of two bays and the front door is partially glazed. A single-pane sash window fills the eastern bay. Two evenly placed single-pane sash windows light the second floor. The base to the roof is finished with a wide eave and boxed cornice. Placed off-center on the roof in line with the entrance is a gabled dormer pierced by a single-pane window that lights the attic. Rising through peak of the pyramidal roof is a single-flue brick stove chimney.

The east side of the parsonage is an asymmetrical elevation as well with a two-and-a-half story, three-sided pavilion projecting from the main block. The front porch abuts the pavilion, and a partially glazed door pierces the south face of the bay. Otherwise, single-pane sash windows pierce the first and second floor walls, and a small single-pane window marks the gabled pediment that tops the pavilion. Simple scroll decorations embellish the roof soffits.

The west side of the main block is defined by an asymmetrical fenestration with a small colored glass window lighting the first floor stair landing. A paired set of single-pane sash windows mark the northern first floor bay, and single-pane sash windows light the second floor. Another gabled dormer extends the pyramidal roof above the north bay.

Extending from the north side of the main block is a two-story, two-bay by one-room service wing served by an interior end brick stove chimney that protrudes through the gable end. Attached to the east side of the kitchen is a single-story porch incorporating an enclosed pantry room. The five-panel kitchen door is sheltered by the porch.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

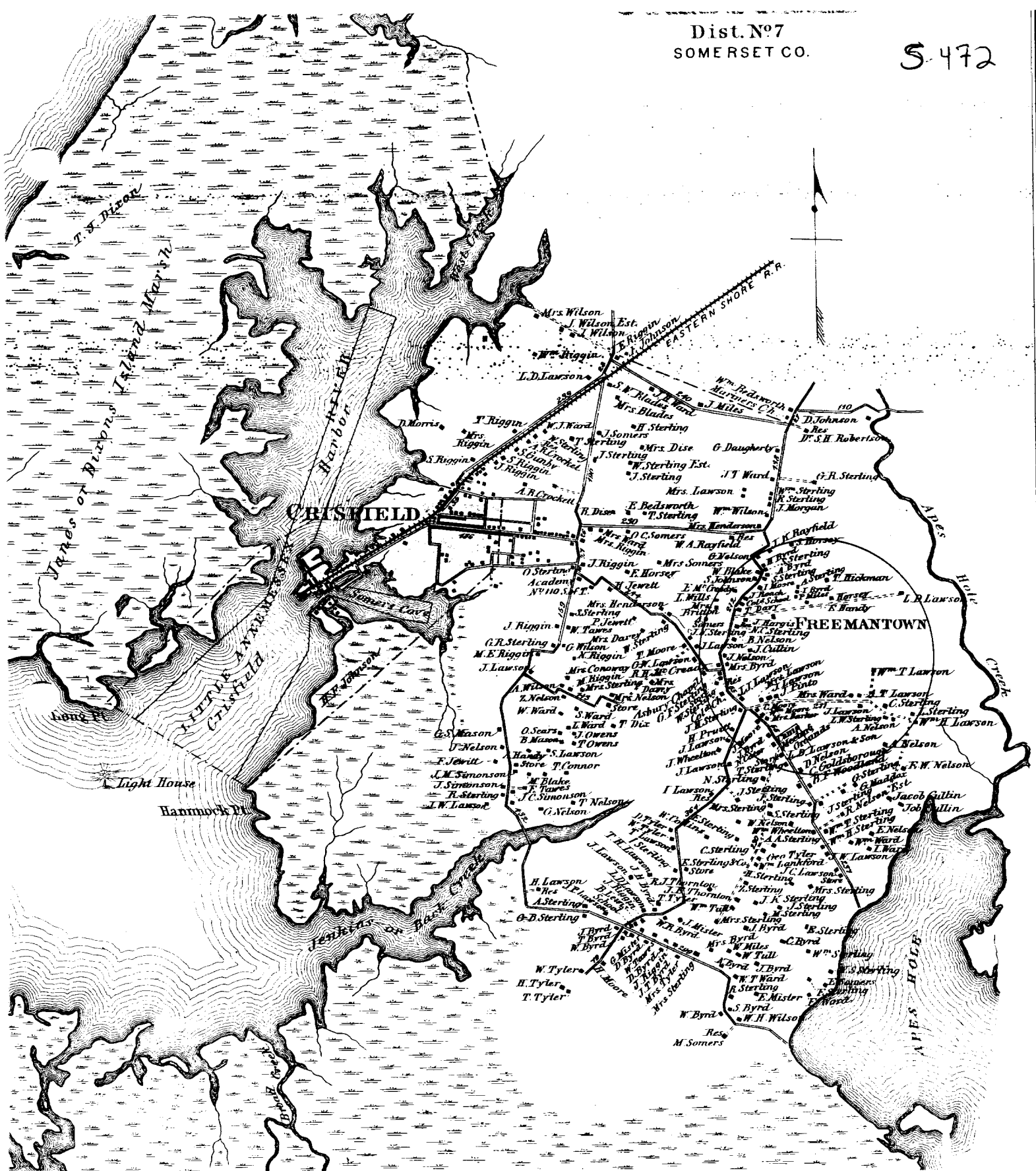
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

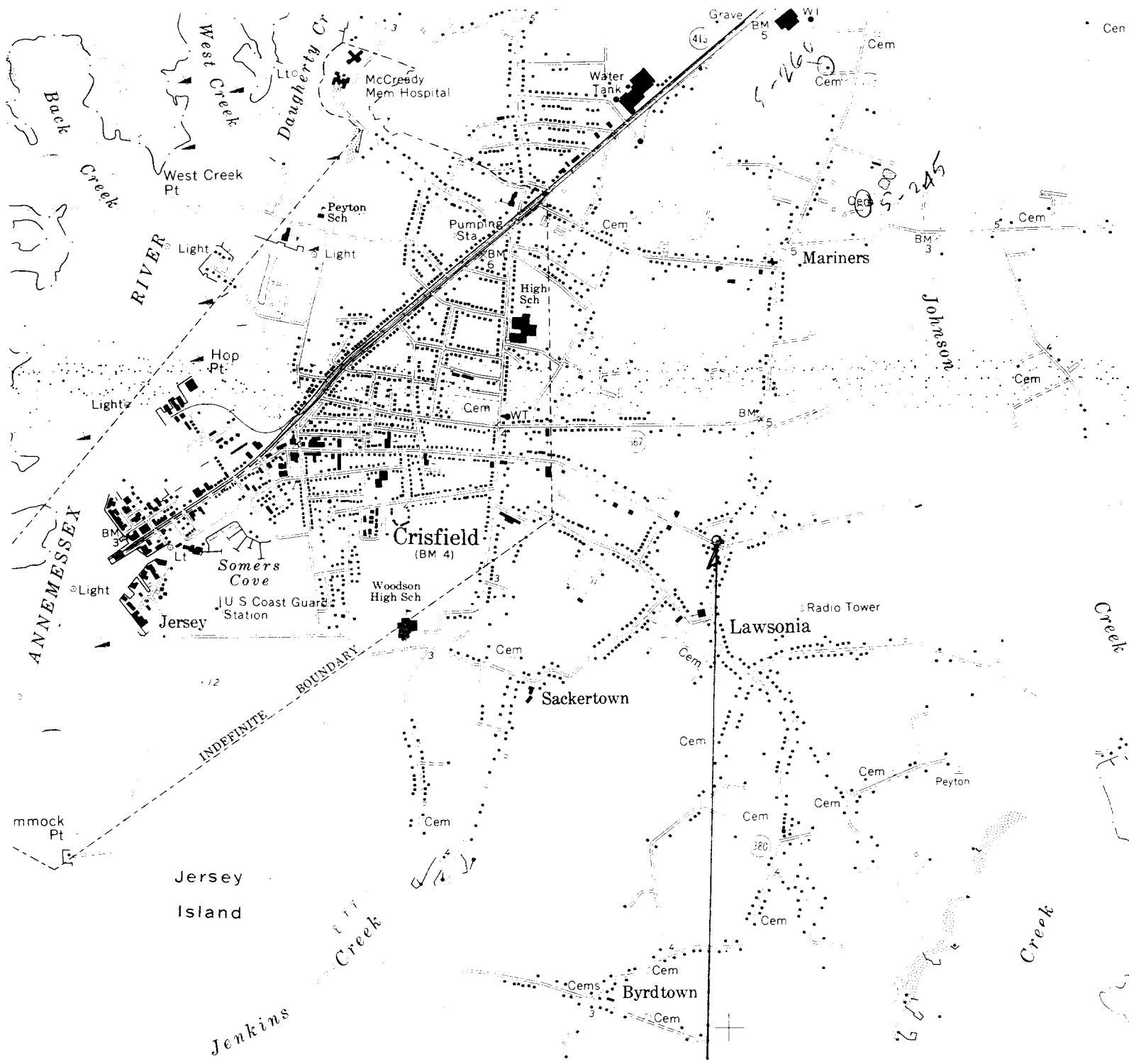
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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PARSONAGE

Crisfield, Maryland Quadrangle
1968

Lawson
Marsh

ware Point

Marsh

Long
Pt Long Point
Island

Tidal Flat

Big Island

Creek
Landing Gut
raight Gut

Massey

Little
Ware P



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New Union Asbury M. E. Church Presence
KREMANTON, CRISTOZZA VILLAGE,
SUMMIT COUNTY, MARYLAND

SOUTHERN ELEVATION

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New Union Assembly M. E. Church Parsonage
WEST ELEVATION

FREEMANTOWN, CHRISTIAN VIL, SOMERSET
COUNTY, MARYLAND

6/95, Pam Towne, PHOTOGRAPHER

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